

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Title: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR MAINTAINING FLOW THROUGH A VESSEL OR DUCT

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**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the application as follows:

Please add the following paragraph at page 1, after the title:

This application is a continuation of PCT Patent Application Serial No.  
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02/069842 A2 which is incorporated herein by reference.